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SUBJECT: U.S. IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS

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1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL PERMIT DR. T. HAYASHIDA TO IMPORT THIRTEEN PITUITARY GLANDS INTO THE UNITED STATES VIA PAN AM FLIGHT 812 SEPTEMBER 14 AS REQUESTED, PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE FROM HEALTHY BANDICOOTS, POSSUMS, AND SPINY ANTEATERS, RESPECTIVELY. PERMIT GRANTED SEPTEMBER 12 SUBJECT TO THIS CONDITION BY DR. K. R. HOOK, ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE.

2. IF BANDICOOTS AND/OR POSSUMS FROM WHICH PITUITARY GLANDS WERE TAKEN ARE OF SPECIES LISTED BELOW, WHICH ARE OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED ENDANGERED, ADDITIONAL PERMITS FOR ENTRY ARE REQUIRED FROM CLARK BAVIN, CHIEF, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUREAU OF SPORT, FISHERIES, AND WILDLIFE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240. IN THIS CASE, OR IF UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SPECIES, DR. HAYASHIDA SHOULD LEAVE THE PITUITARY GLANDS FROM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES IN AUSTRALIA AND COMMUNICATE WITH MR. BAVIN ON HIS ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES . INTERIOR UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS NO REGULATIONS RESTRICTING IMPORT OF SPINY ANTEATERS,

EXCEPT THAT AUSTRALIAN EXPORT PERMITS FOR THESE MUST BE PRESENTED AT U.S. PORT OF ENTRY. THE SAME EXPORT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED FOR BANDICOOTS AND POSSUMS.

3. ENDANGERED BANDICOOTS ARE BARRED BANDICOOT (PARAMELES BOUGAINVILLE), DESERT BANDICOOT (PARAMELES EREMIANA), RABBIT BANDICOOT (MACROTIS LAGOTIS), LESSER RABBIT BANDICOOT (MACROTIS LEUCURA), AND PIG-FOOTED BANDICOOT (CHAEROPUS ECAUDATUS). ENDANGERED POSSUMS ARE MOUNTAIN PYGMY POSSUM (BURRAMYS PARVUS) AND SCALY-TAILED POSSUM (WYULDA SQUAMICAUDATA). RUSH

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